

**Caring a Nibbler.**  
Some people have a very ugly way of laying out their hands on small articles that do not belong to them, which cost others money, and which they don't think of paying for. Now it is very well known that groceries pay about the smallest profit of any merchandise; hence the habit of some folks of going into a store to purchase ten or twenty-five cents worth of groceries—to be sent home, too—and while they wait for the goods to be put up, they amuse themselves by a mouthful of sugar, gormandise a bunch of raisins, slice of cheese, plug of tobacco, biscuit, or whatever else lies around temptingly exposed to view. You may rest assured that people don't trade and traffic for the fun of the thing, and if you gouge the grocer, he'll be justified in keeping square with you by sending light weight and scant measure. A facetious old mercantile friend of ours was thus led by a customer, who used to come in daily and order something in the grocery line, and who, having an amazing sweet tooth in his head, thought nothing of nibbling chunks of sugar, bunches of raisins, &c. One morning Nibble came into the store before breakfast, evidently disturbed in mind.

"Mr. A—, you sent my quarter's bill last night."  
"Yes, sir, I did."  
"Well, there's one item I don't understand—'nibbles three times daily, 83.' What the dickens do you mean by that?"  
"You keep a dry goods store, do you not, Mr. B—?"  
"Yes, sir, I do."  
"Now, suppose I came in every day to buy two or three shillings' worth of goods, and each time I should levy on a spoon of cotton, a paper of needles, or a piece of tape, which I never of course thought of accounting for—?"  
"Oh, ah, yes, yes, I take the force of what you are about to say; those little things do count up. You've got me now."

The bill was paid. The dry goods man did not take the matter as an insult, and what is still more strange, has quit nibbling.

**The Newspaper Appreciated.**  
Without my newspaper, life would narrow itself to the small limits of personal experience, and humanity be suppressed into the ten or fifteen people I mix with. Now, I refuse to accept this. I have not a sixpence in my pocket, but I want to know how they stand. I was never—I never in all likelihood, shall be in Japan; but I have an intense curiosity to know what our troops did at Yokohama. I deplore the people who suffered by the railroad smash, and I sympathize with the newly married couple so beautifully depicted in the Illustrated, as they drove off in a chaise, and our old gent at the hall door waving them a last adieu. I like the letters of correspondents, with their little grievances about their unpunctual trains, or some unwarrantable omission in the Liturgy. I even like the people who chronicle the rainfall, and record little facts about the mildness of the season. As for the advertisements, I regard them as the glass and mirror of the age. Show me but one page of the "Wants" of my country, and I engage to give a sketch of the current civilization of the period. What glimpses of rare interiors do we gain by these brief paragraphs! How full of suggestiveness and of story are they.—[Blackwood's Magazine.]

#### Rules for the Measurement of Cylindrical Cisterns.

Take the length, width, and depth in feet; multiplying these together, and the product by 1,865: cut off four figures from the right, and the result will be the contents in barrels. Example—find the contents of a cistern 6 feet in diameter and 9 deep. Six feet, the length, multiplied by 6 feet, the breadth, and the product by 9, gives the depth, 324, which multiplied by 1,865, and four figures cut off, gives 60 barrels and a decimal.

In this case we consider the diameter as being both length and breadth. The reason of the rule is this, a cylinder one foot in diameter and one foot long, would weigh 1,865 thousandths of a barrel. A cylinder nine times as long would contain nine times as much, and 6 times as wide, 6 times as much as that. The number, 1,865 is easily remembered, as it corresponds with the number of the last year.

**PLAIN FRITTERS.**—Take a quart of buttermilk, or sour milk, a pint or more of sweet milk, three beaten eggs, a teaspoonful of salt, and a teaspoonful of saleratus; stir in flour enough to make a thick batter. Have your lard hot, and drop them neatly by the spoonful into the lard, and fry them a light brown. Serve them with liquid pudding-sauce, or sprinkle over them sugar and nutmeg, or serve plain.

A light, rich soil, without much fresh manure, is best for tomatoes.

#### For the SENTINEL.

Mr. Editor: "Did they ever have an agricultural society in Holt county?" "Why do they not have one?" "We ought to have such a society in our county," we frequently hear words similar to these falling from the lips of our agricultural citizens; these inquiries come from the substantial people of our county, those whose industry and labor make the wealth and prosperity of our own commonwealth; and they show, very conclusively, the necessity of taking the preliminary steps towards a permanent organization of this kind. We have perused the contributions in the SENTINEL on "Intemperance," "Civil Officers and authorities of Oregon," "Trials and conflicts in Rush Bottom," and the Gleanings from the press: "Who's been here since I have been gone?" and "Pat's load of potatoes," all of which have been interesting in their turn, but now we would like to hear an unanimous voice from the practical men of our county as to the propriety of organizing a society or farmers' club, where agriculture, horticulture, and floriculture, may be discussed, and the best means offered for their progress and development.

Improvement in all things becomes a duty, and a beginning is inevitable. Say not that the former times "were better than these;" if they were, they should not have been. To-morrow should witness us farther than to-day. In improvement it becomes us to plan for better than we witness to-day. The power of a people lies in its mind, and it becomes a duty to seek a broad and liberal culture in all things, and create a sentiment which will dignify labor, as well as ornament and embellishment. Utility should never yield to ornament, nor ornament yield to utility. But these two combined will arouse an enthusiasm which will awake the long dormant energies, and place both within the broad field of progress. Lord Chatham says: "There seems but three ways for a nation to acquire wealth: First, by war, as the Romans did in plundering their conquered neighbors—this is robbery; the second, by commerce, which is too often by cheating; the third by agriculture," the only honest way, wherein man receives a real increase of the seed thrown into the ground in a kind of continued miracle wrought by the hand of God in his favor as a reward for an innocent life and virtuous industry. Our citizens in the proportion of eight out of ten, are devoted to the tilling of the soil and these citizens are thus truthfully praised by an eminent Missourian. "In the simplicity of your life is found the simpleness of virtue—the integrity of freedom."

We who live amid natural advantages, should make the greater efforts for improvement. Our climate is the golden choice, and furnishes rare opportunities as between the extremes of latitude. The culture, wealth, and enterprise of the world is now concentrating near our parallel of latitude; proving that cotton shall not be king, nor the stately forests of the North alone proffer inviting homes for the enterprising, cultivated, industrious races. With these convictions, and knowing that such is the spirit of the times, let us, one and all, aid in organizing a farmer's club, or some kind of an agricultural society, which will prove a lasting benefit to the county, an honor to the country, and an ornament to its citizens.

**YEAST THAT WILL START ITSELF.**—Seeing an inquiry for a receipt for making yeast that will start itself, I send you mother's: Boil two ounces of the best hops in four quarts of water for half an hour; strain it and let the liquor cool down to new milk warmth. Then put in a small handful of salt and half a pound of sugar; beat up one pound of the best flour with some of the liquor and mix up all well together. The third day add three pounds of potatoes well washed; and let it stand until next day. Then strain and it is ready for use. It must be stirred frequently while it is making, and kept near the fire. Before using, stir well. It will keep two or three months in a cool place.—[Rural New Yorker.]

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